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BULGARIAN PLAN FULFILLMENT FOR THIRD QUARTER 1951

The progress of industry, agriculture, transportation, capital construction, retail turnover of goods, construction of public buildings, and health organization during the third quarter of 1951 is as follows, according to data supplied by the Main Office of Statistics.

I. DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

The volume of industrial production, excluding local industry during the third quarter of 1951, in comparison with the same period in 1950, has increased 15.4 percent, and the volume of industrial production during the first 9 months of 1951 has increased 18 percent in comparison with the same period last year. The general industrial plan for the third quarter was fulfilled 95.9 percent because not all ministries have completely fulfilled the production program.

Individual ministries and departments fulfilled their production plans during the third quarter of 1951 as follows:

| Organization | 3d Qu 51 in % of 3d Qu 50 | Plan Fulfillment 3d Qu 51 in % |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Ministry of Heavy Industry | 118.2 | 93 |
| Ministry of Electrification | 128.4 | 95.8 |
| Ministry of Light Industry | 110.3 | 94.9 |
| Ministry of Transportation | 111.5 | 102.3 |
| Ministry of Supply and Food Industry | 109.7 | 98.3 |
| Industrial Enterprises of the Central Cooperative Federation | 168.3 | 95.0 |
| Industrial Enterprises of the Sofia Municipal People's Soviet | 176.7 | 111.6 |

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During the third quarter the plan was exceeded for many products important for the national economy such as ores, cast iron, reinforced concrete, lead, tractor-drawn plows, coke, carbide, cement, paper, soap, woolen cloth, sugar, vegetable oils, canned goods, fish, and alcohol.

The following table shows the growth of production during the third quarter of 1951 for some of the more important industrial products:

| Item | 3d Qu 51 in % of 3d Qu 50 |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Electric power | 128.4 |
| Hard coal | 101.8 |
| Ores | 159.0 |
| Cast iron | 125.2 |
| Electric motors | 166.7 |
| Threshing machines | 162.5 |
| Tractor-drawn plows | 11 times greater |
| Tractor-drawn drills | 269.0 |
| Coke | 106.5 |
| Carbide | 13.5 times greater |
| Soap | 157.5 |
| Cement | 103.1 |
| Plate glass | 132.6 |
| Beams | 121.2 |
| Mine timber | 106.3 |
| Paper | 105.2 |
| Cotton cloth | 113.1 |
| Footwear | 113.3 |
| Sugar | 156.1 |
| Meat | 106.1 |
| Fish | 161.1 |
| Vegetable oils | 158.4 |
| Canned goods, all kinds | 107.5 |

II. AGRICULTURE

As a result of the efforts of members of farm workers' cooperatives and individual farmers in the proper and timely fulfillment of the sowing plan and the application of modern agricultural methods during the current year, Bulgaria had a rich harvest of all agricultural products, especially grain, industrial plants, and fodder. The crops were gathered in a much shorter time than was the case in previous years. As a consequence, the plan for grain deliveries was fulfilled in time by all okrugs. The necessary agricultural products for feeding the population were available, industry was supplied with raw materials, and sufficient quantities of the above products were stockpiled.

State farms and farm workers' cooperatives obtained considerably higher yields than individual farmers. The members of farm workers' cooperatives had higher incomes than individual farmers. The reserve and seed funds of farm workers' cooperatives grew larger. During the third quarter of 1951, farm workers' cooperatives built twice as many stables, silos, and barns than during the same quarter last year. By 15 October 1951, the number of farms workers' cooperatives increased to 2,725. They included 53.3 percent of all peasant households and owned 47.5 percent of the total arable land in Bulgaria.

By 1 October 1951, there were 117 machine tractor stations in Bulgaria. In comparison with the same period in 1950, the tractor park of the machine

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tractor stations has increased 119.4 percent by 1 October 1951 and the number of threshing machines, 108.6 percent. In the beginning of this year, Bulgaria imported 550 combines from the USSR. Up to 1 October 1951, 2.6 percent more seeds were cleaned than up to 1 October 1950, and two times more rye and wheat was sown, 1.9 times more barley, and 1.8 times more radishes. Despite the above accomplishments, the Ministry of Agriculture lags behind in the fulfillment of the autumn sowing plan.

III. TRANSPORTATION

The plan in ton-kilometers for transporting freight by railroad during the third quarter of 1951 was fulfilled 100 percent, which is an increase of 8.3 percent in comparison with the third quarter of 1950.

On an average, the 24-hour loading of freight cars during the third quarter of 1951 was increased 7.8 percent in comparison with the same quarter of 1950.

The plan for transporting freight by water during the third quarter of 1951 was fulfilled 126.7 percent, which is an increase of 47.6 percent in comparison with the third quarter of 1950.

The plan in ton-kilometers for transporting freight by motor vehicles during the third quarter of 1951 was fulfilled 101.7 percent, which is an increase of 11 percent in comparison with the same quarter of last year.

IV. CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION

The plan for capital construction was fulfilled 104.1 percent during the third quarter of 1951. The amount of all capital constructions during the third quarter of 1951 was 43.4 percent greater than during the same quarter of last year.

Up to 1 October 1951, many important projects were put in operation, including the "Tuzha" Hydroelectric Power Plant; the "Vilina" Hydroelectric Power Plant, the expanded "Dimitrovo" Steam-Heat and Electric Power Plant, a flotation installation, a section of a cotton-spinning mill, five hemp-processing mills, 230 main power-line posts, 461 kilometers of long distance high-tension power lines, 468 kilometers of short distance low-tension power lines, and the irrigation system of the Brushlyan Valley.

Many new homes were built, and the construction of 15 reading-room buildings, two broadcasting stations, many school buildings, boarding houses for students, hospitals, a children's clinic, and an antituberculosis institute were completed.

V. TURNOVER OF RETAIL GOODS

During the third quarter of this year, 98 model stores were established in cities.

The following table shows the type of goods and amounts in percentages available to the population during the third quarter of 1951, as compared to the same period in 1950:

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| <u>Item</u> | <u>3d Qu 51 in % of 3d Qu 50</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Vegetable fats | 150.1 |
| Sugar | 114.7 |
| Rice | 236.3 |
| Butter made of milk | 110.8 |
| Fish | 163.8 |
| Eggs | 110.7 |
| White and yellow cheese | 137.5 |
| Fresh vegetables | 292.8 |
| Beans | 122.8 |
| Cloth shoes | 140.0 |
| Soap | 110.9 |
| Window glass | 102.2 |
| Beams | 120.5 |

VI. EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND HEALTH

During the current year, over 1,100,000 students have attended primary, secondary, vocational, and trade schools, as well as colleges in Bulgaria.

Up to 1 October 1951, kindergartens were attended by 230,000 children, including 180,000 from villages.

By 1 October 1951, 68 more motion-picture theaters (67 more in villages alone) were in existence than during the same period last year. During the third quarter of 1951, over 10,400,000 persons have attended these theaters.

By the end of the third quarter of 1951, the number of radio receivers increased by 32,638 (including 16,798 in villages), as compared to the same period last year, and the number of wired radios, by 29,317.

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